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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (MDTC) respectfully submits this filing in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) requirement for state commissions to certify that eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) are using their high-cost funds in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314.

The MDTC certifies that the following ETCs have used their high-cost funds received in the preceding calendar year and will use their high-cost funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314:

Richmond Telephone Company (study area code 110037) Granby Telephone Company d/b/a OTT Communications (study area code 110036) Marlene H. Dortch Karen Majcher September 25, 2012 Page Two

> Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a Fairpoint Communications (study area code 150084) Verizon New England Massachusetts (study area code 115112)

Should the FCC or USAC require any additional information concerning this matter, please contact me at (617) 368-1101.

Respectfully submitted,

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